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灼熱、涙、自転車。ロードレース！

レーサー・今泉との裏門坂登坂対決が決着!!
ママチャリでの秋葉原通いが生んだ、小野田坂道の激走の秘密とは!?
そして、自転車が繋ぐ新たな出会いが坂道の運命を変える!!

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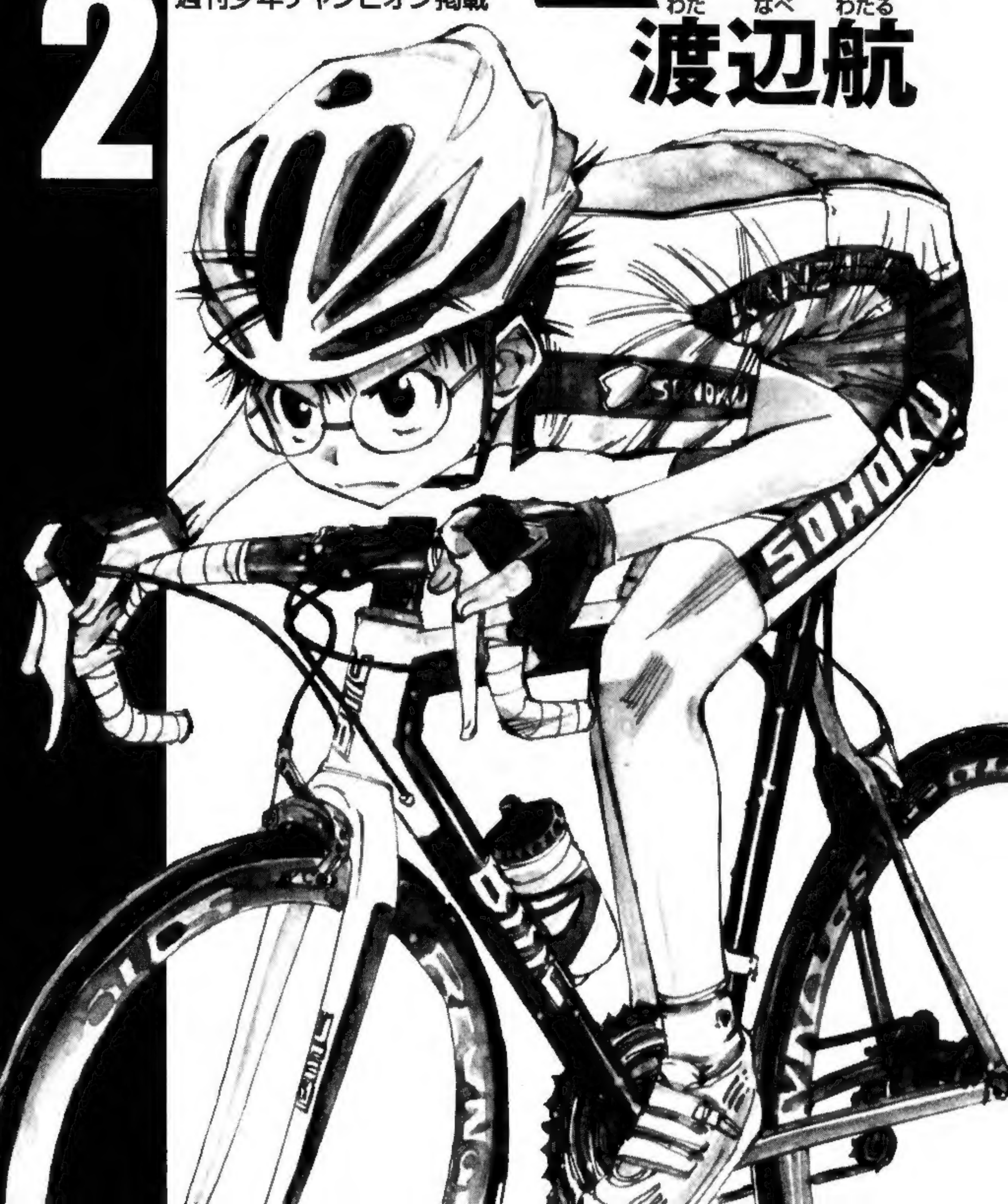

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STORY AND CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

HIS DREAM IS TO REVIVE THE DEFUNCT ANIME CLUB.

HE RIDES HIS UTILITY BICYCLE UP A STEEP HILL TO SCHOOL, AND MAKES 90KM TRIPS TO AKIBA EVERY WEEK. HE IS AN OTAKU.

ONODA SAKAMICHI

Data of Onoda

RIDES AN UTILITY BICYCLE CMAKER UNKNOWND. PEDALS AT HIGH CADENCE

HI-ME♬
HIME HIME ♬

ストーリー

OTAKU HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT ONODA SAKAMICHI HAS VISITED AKIBA EVERY WEEK WITHOUT FAIL SINCE HE WAS IN THIRD GRADE, MAKING THE 90KM TRIP ON HIS UTILITY BIKE.

HIS DREAM WAS TO JOIN THE ANIME CLUB IN HIS HIGH SCHOOL IN ORDER TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH SIMILIAR INTERESTS, BUT THE CLUB WAS DISBANDED DUE TO A LACK OF MEMBERS. IN ORDER TO RE-START THE CLUB, HE WILL NEED TO FIND 5 MEMBERS.

SAKAMICHI THEN MEETS IMAIZUMI, AN EXPERIENCED BICYCLE ROAD RACER. AFTER HE WITNESSES SAKAMICHI RIDING UP THE HILL WHILE SINGING, IMAIZUMI CHALLENGES HIM TO A RACE UP A SLOPE BY OF-FERING TO JOIN THE ANIME CLUB IF HE LOSES.

HOWEVER, SAKAMICHI PROVES TO BE FASTER THAN HE EXPECTED, AND SOON HE FINDS HIMSELF GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT THE RACE...!

Data of Imaizumi

BICYCLE: SCOTT (US)

HE'S A LOGICAL THINKER AND AN ALL-ROUNDER

IMAIZUMI JUNSUKE

HE'S AIMING TO BECOME THE FASTEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

HAS BEEN IN ROAD RACES SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

KANZAKI MIKI

HER FAMILY RUNS A BICYCLE SHOP.

SHE'S A BICYCLE OTAKU WHO LOVES ROAD RACES!

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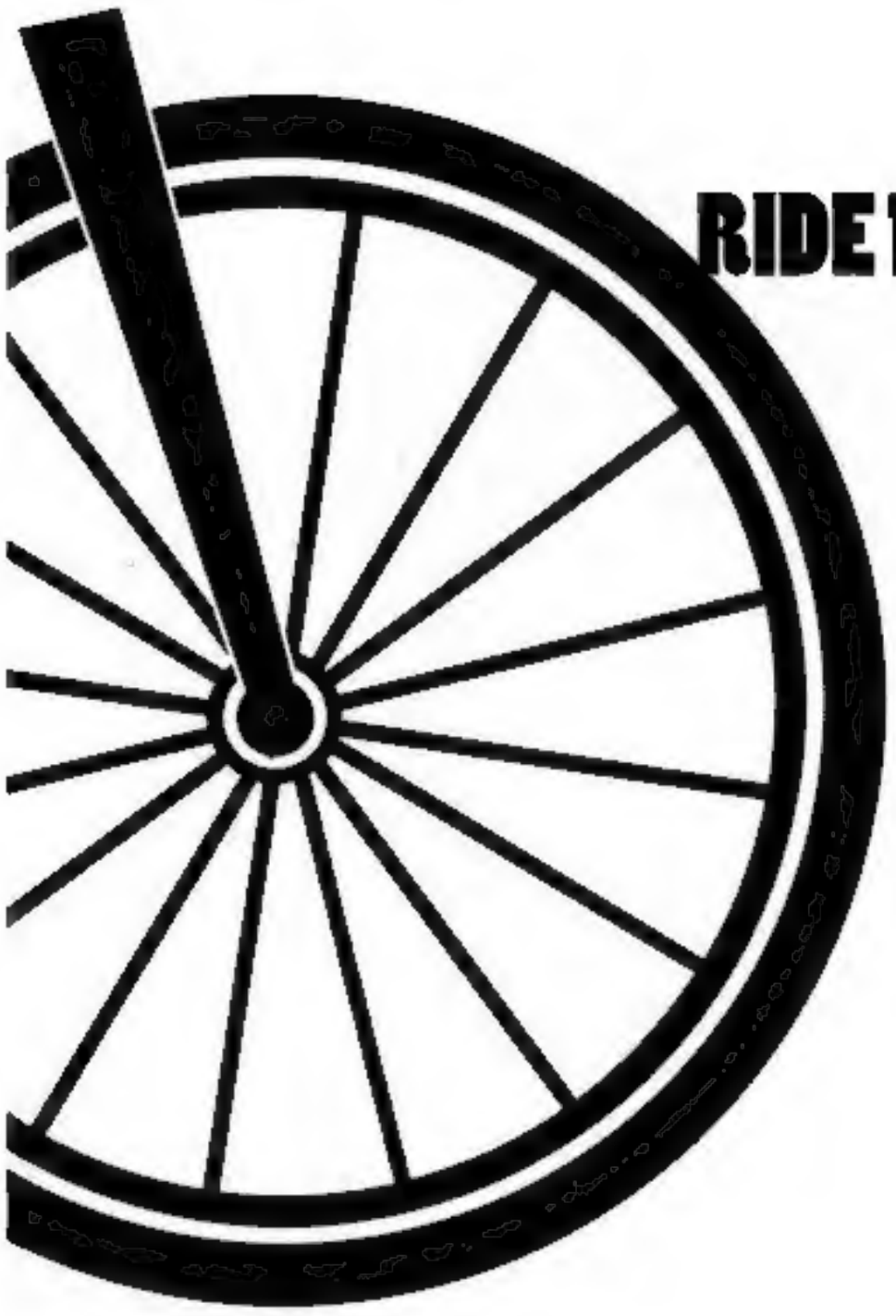

RIDE.8 SHOWDOWN
ライド

WE WERE IN THE SAME ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL...

SOMEONE WHO LIVED IN AN ODD PLACE?

OH, YEAH, I REMEMBER NOW!

WRONG... HE LIVES IN A NORMAL HOUSE.

LET ME GUESS, HE'S RICH?!

NOPE.

WAS IT REALLY RUN-DOWN, OR SOME-THING?

HUH? WAS IT REALLY FAR AWAY, OR HAUNTED?

IN FACT, I WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO DID.

BUT NO ONE EVER WANTED TO VISIT HIM.

YOU SEE, HIS HOUSE IS...

ON TOP OF THIS REALLY STEEP HILL.

IT TAKES FOREVER TO REACH THE TOP, AND IF YOU GO BY BICYCLE,

YOU'LL HAVE TO PEDAL UPHILL FOR AGES!

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE WERE PRETTY EXCITED AND HAD RACES TO THE TOP.

HE WAS A PRETTY NICE GUY, THOUGH.

HOWEVER, IN MY CASE, I GOT INTER-ESTED IN BICYCLES INSTEAD!

wow, thin tyres!

BUT WHEN WE GOT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL, THAT SORT OF THING DIDN'T SEEM AS FUN ANYMORE ...

SO WE STOPPED.

I WONDER HOW ONODA'S DOING THESE DAYS...

HE'S THE TYPE,

WHO REALLY WANTS TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUT CAN'T VOICE IT OUT.

RIDE.8 SHOWDOWN
ライド

HAA

HAA

HAA

IT'S THE LAST TURN!

HE'S CLOSING IN!

IMAIZUMI-KUN!!

MAYBE.

BUT IMAIZUMI'S STILL IN THE LEAD, SO HE'S GOING TO WIN, RIGHT!?

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT CAN HAPPEN

...

TILL THE VERY END!!!!

BUT IN RACES,

HE HAS ALREADY WON IN THE LOOKS DEPART-MENT!

"MAYBE"? WHAT NONSENSE!

YEAH...

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IMAIZUMI-KUN WILL WIN!

SO NOISY...!

PLING

HAA...!

IF YOU DON'T CATCH UP, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN OVERTAKE ME!

WHAT'S WRONG, GLASSES? YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH!

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD COME THIS FAR.

I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE ABLE TO CLIMB SO WELL.

TO BE HONEST, I'VE UNDERES-TIMATED HIM.

THE STRENGTH TO DRAG THE WEIGHT OF AN UTILITY BICYCLE UPHILL,

AND EFFICIENT PEDALLING.

THAT ABNORMAL CADENCE,

FOR AN AMATEUR, HE'S A NATURAL!

YOU SAID THAT YOU CYCLE 45 KM TO AKIBA EVERY WEEK ...?

I'M SORRY, BUT,

HAA

HAA

HE'S LACKING IN STAMINA.

IF HE KEEPS THIS UP, HE WON'T LAST FOR EVEN 10 MINUTES.

I'VE DEFINITELY TRAINED MORE!

SHIMANO XTR

BUT,

HAA

HAA

I'LL REMEMBER YOUR NAME, THOUGH...

I CYCLE,

70KM EVERY DAY, FOR PRACTICE.

SEE YOU, ONODA SAKAMICHI!

EH!?

!

KYAA!

WHAT?

WHAT HAP-PENED!?

!

IMAIZUMI-KUN'S BICYCLE TURNED SIDEWAYS!?

TCH!

IT'S THE GUTTER!

DAMN!

HIS REAR TYRE GOT CAUGHT IN THE GAP, AND REBOUNDED!!

BUT...

IMAIZUMI LOST SOME OF HIS SPEED...

AH!

TCH.

HE PUSHED IT BACK INTO BALANCE!

KYAA! NOTHING'S STOPPING HIM!

YOU...

BASTARD ...!

HE'S RIGHT NEXT TO HIM NOW!!

AND ONODA-KUN CAUGHT UP!!

WHAT IS HE...!?

JUST WHAT IS HIS DEAL!? DAMN IT!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AHEAD!

HE SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THAT HE CAN'T WIN.

EVEN NOW, HE'S COMPLETELY OUT OF BREATH.

AND SHOWED HIM THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR SKILLS.

I OVERTOOK HIM THREE TIMES,

NORMALLY, IN THE FACE OF DESPAIR, MOST WOULD ADMIT DEFEAT.

ISN'T IT TIRING? THERE'S A WALL BEFORE YOUR EYES.

IS HE STUPID?

BUT WHY IS HE STILL COMING AFTER ME?

1-4

SHIMAZU

CHASING AFTER ME!?

WHY ARE YOU STILL-

BUT HE...

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

JUST ...

I...

WANT TO REVIVE THE ANIME CLUB...

BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!

HYAA--!

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

RIDE.9 HE LOVES TO SHOW OFF!
ライド

THE ELECTRIC TOWN OF JAPAN,

AKIHABARA!!

RIDE.9 (ライド)

HE LOVES TO SHOW OFF!

I'VE SEEN THEM ON TELEVISION! THERE WERE LOTS OF GIRLS IN FRILLY UNIFORMS ON THE STREET!

MAIDS!

COME OUT!

THAT GUY'S YELLING SOME-THING.

THE MAIDS! WHERE'RE THE MAIDS?

what is it?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

WAIT UP!

EH?

I'M REFERRING TO YOU, UNCLE!

WHOA, YOUR RELUCTANCE IS WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE!

HEY, YOU! THAT OLD MAN THERE!

CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND A MAID CAFE?

they look like nice young ladies!

WELL, THAT'S FINE.

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VIVC

YOU'RE AN OTAKU!

YOU'RE WEARING GLASSES!

stereotype

YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE, AREN'T YOU?

AH, SUIT YOURSELF!

.....

...YOUR CLOTHES ARE SO FLASHY.

.....

I WON'T TELL SOMEONE AS RUDE AS YOU.

GUNPLA: PLASTIC MODEL KITS OF ROBOTS FROM THE GUNDAM SERIES

TELL ME WHERE I CAN BUY GUNPLA!

MY LITTLE BROTHERS REALLY WANTED THOSE, SO I PROMISED THEM I'D BUY SOME WHEN I'M IN TOKYO!

EH? GUN ...?

THEN THAT MAKES THINGS EASIER!

KAMEN RIDER

IT'S A REQUEST FROM MY BROTHERS, SO PLEASE HELP ME OUT!

IT'S SO REALISTIC!

LIKE "CRAANK"!

THEY'RE POSABLE, RIGHT? WITH JOINTS AND STUFF,

AND YOU CAN TWIST THEM LIKE THIS!

WHAT!?

like in department stores.

I BELIEVE YOU CAN FIND GUNPLA IN TOY SHOPS, EVEN IN OSAKA.

.....

I SEE! THAT'S GOOD NEWS!

AH, BUT,

SINCE I'M ALREADY IN AKIHABARA, I SHOULD JUST BUY A FEW HERE...

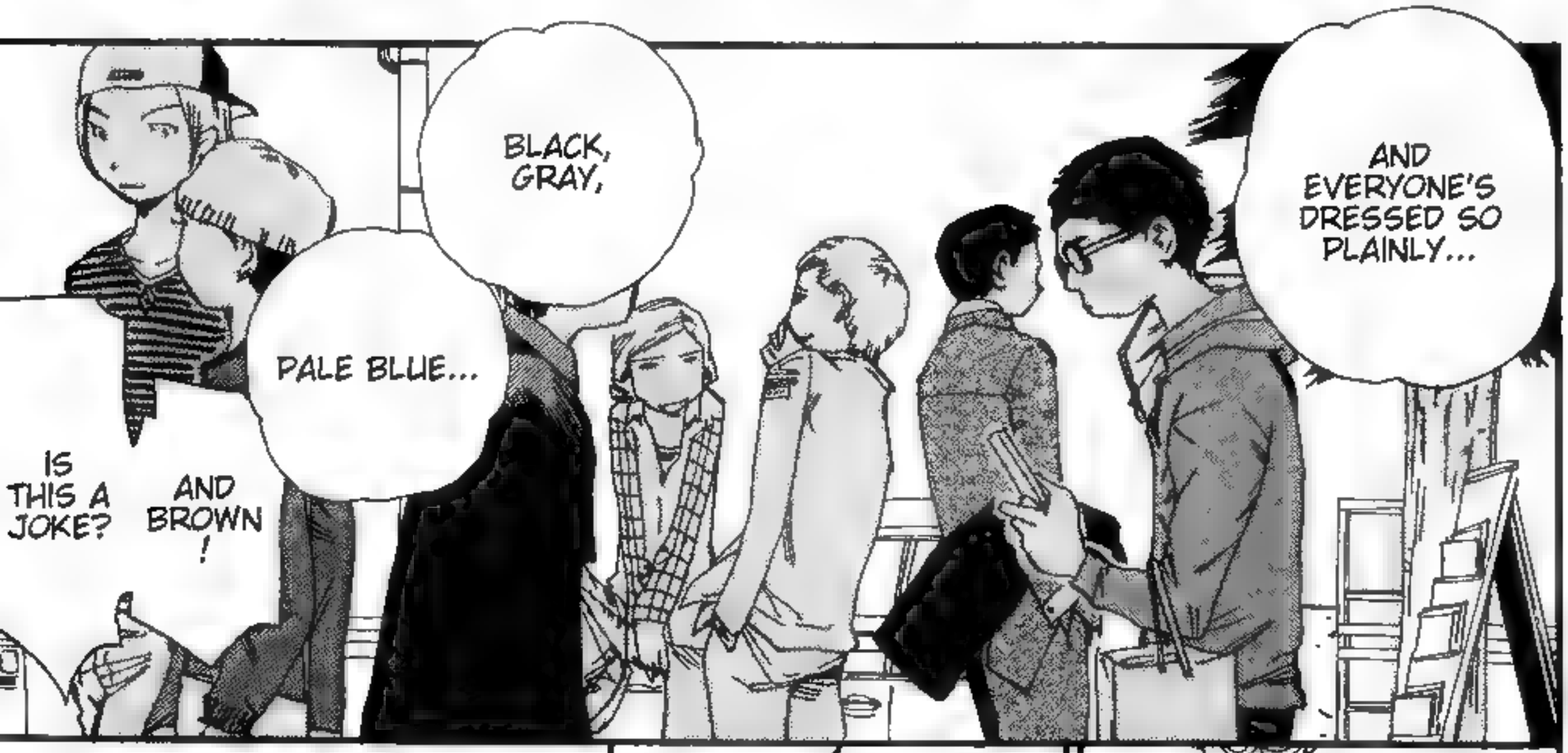
HE'S GONE!!

WHOA!?

SAKAI

KANSAI

THE TOKYO-FOLK ALWAYS SEEM TO BE IN A HURRY!
MAYBE HE NEEDED TO GO TO THE TOILET OR SOMETHING.
4F
3F
2F

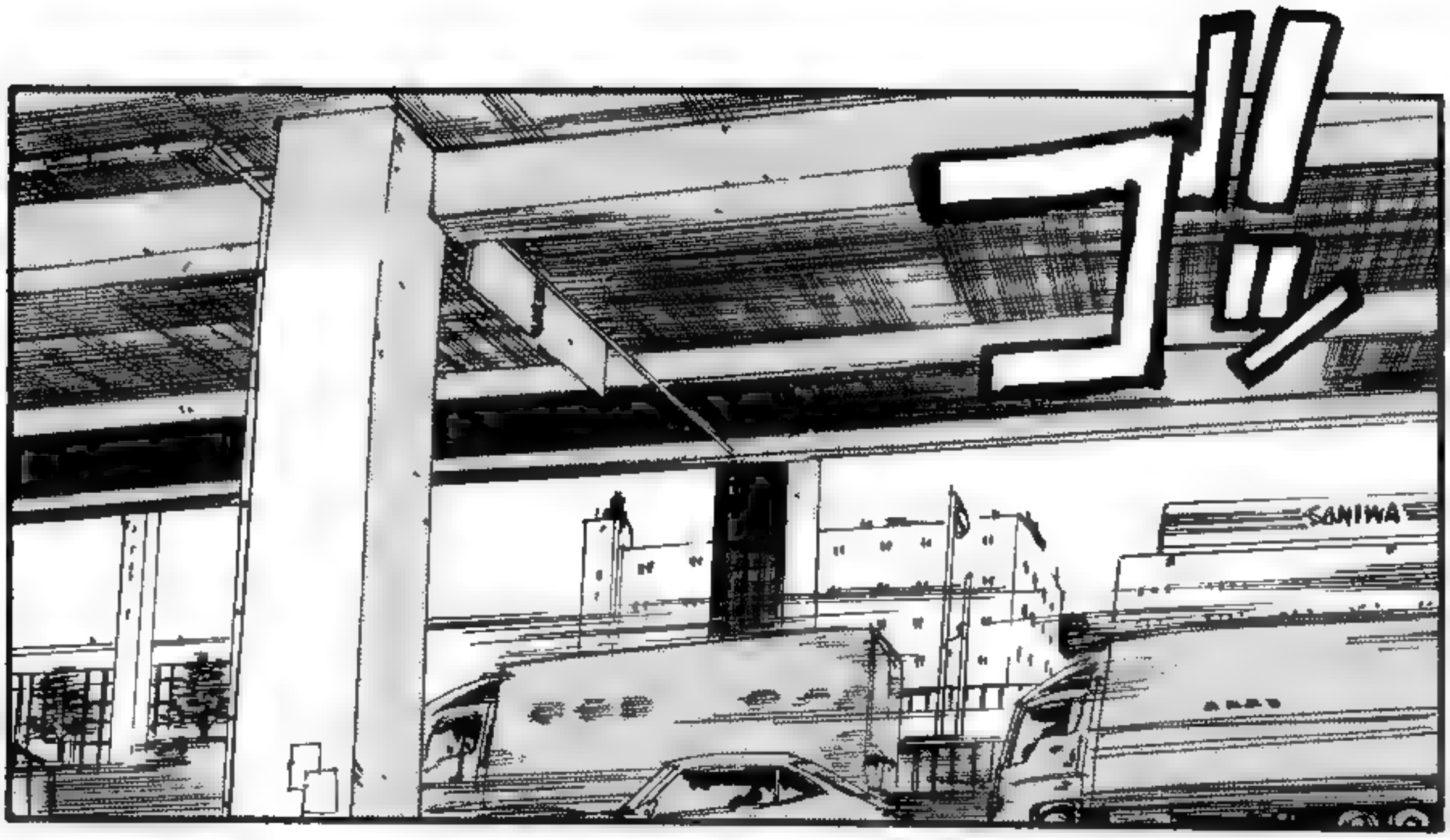

BLACK, GRAY,
PALE BLUE...
AND BROWN!
IS THIS A JOKE?
AND EVERYONE'S DRESSED SO PLAINLY...

YOU'VE GOT TO STAND OUT!
THIS GOES FOR CLOTHES,

IF YOU'RE A MAN, YOU SHOULD BE WEARING RED!
関西魂

AND THEY'RE ALL SO EXPRESSION-LESS!
YOU, OVER THERE! YOU'RE SLOUCHING!

AND BICYCLES!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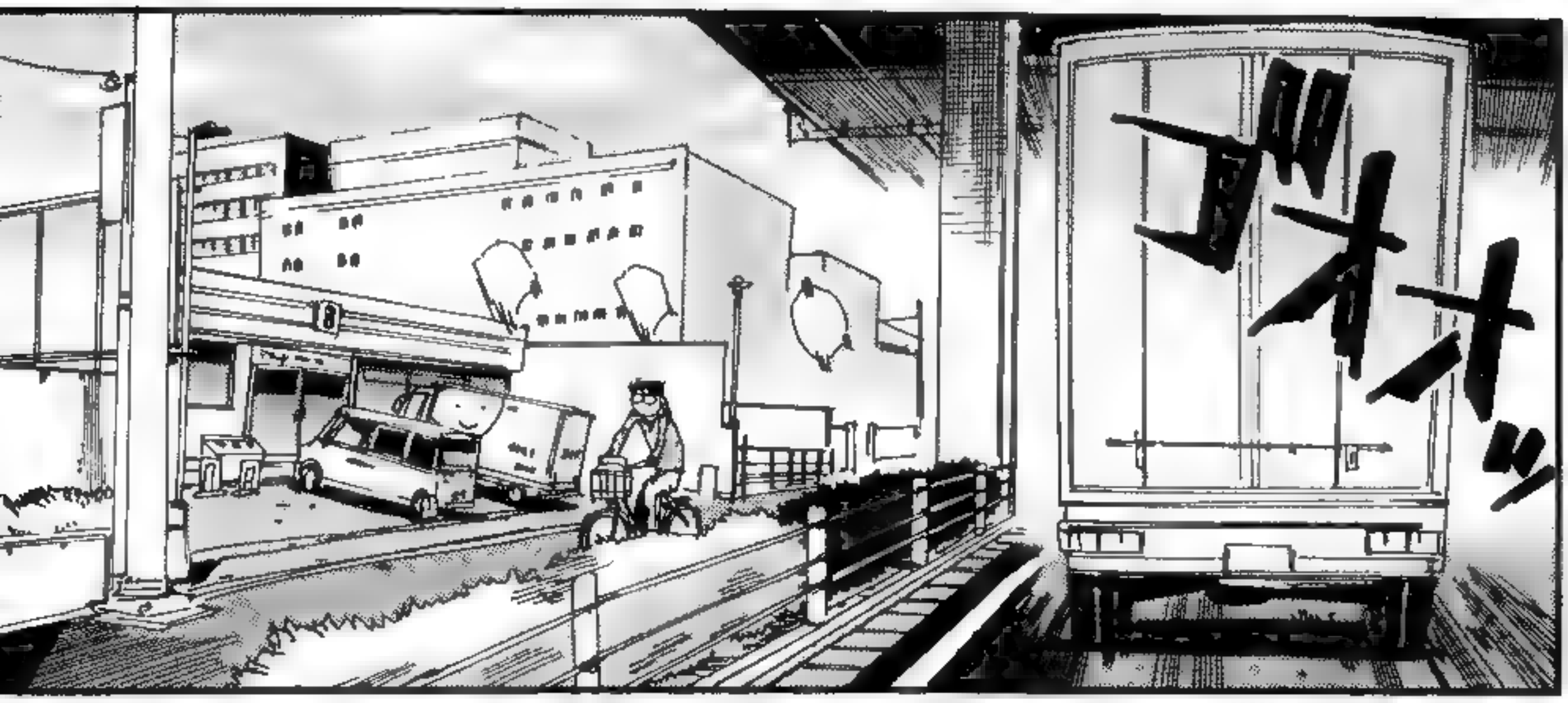

AMAZING!

AND MY NEWLY-ADJUSTED SADDLE!

it's not a speed-meter, it's a cycle computer

THAT'S A CHEAP MODEL, SO YOU CAN HAVE IT.

R, REALLY !?

THE SPEED-METER I RECEIVED FROM IMAIZUMI-KUN...

26.8 km/h

1:34'24

THE TRIP TO AKIBA SEEMS SO MUCH EASIER.

IT FEELS SO LIGHT NOW...!

THE BICYCLE CLUB...?

THANK YOU, IMAIZUMI-KUN...

YOU'RE LACKING IN SKILL,

BUT YOU HAVE THE TALENT.

THE BICYCLE RACING CLUB.

YEAH.

UM, I'M HONORED ...!

I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN PRAISED BEFORE...

AH,

WELL, I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO JOIN.

I JUST THINK THAT YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL

I'M GOING TO ATTEND PRACTICES FROM NEXT WEEK ONWARDS.

BUT...

UM ...

I'M NOT GOOD WITH SPORTS CLUBS, SO...

.....!

HE'S NOT GOING TO TALK ME INTO IT ...

SO,

YOU SHOULD DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT FORCING YOU INTO IT.

YOU CAN'T BEGIN WITHOUT MOTIVATION.

IT'S AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY, AND YOU MIGHT FALL AND GET INJURED.

YOU SHOULD WALK YOUR OWN PATH.

IN CYCLING,

EVEN IF THEY BLEED AND CRY, AND EVEN IF THE BICYCLE IS DAMAGED,

THOSE WITH THE PASSION TO MOVE FORWARD,

ONLY THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE THE FASTEST,

THE DESIRE TO WIN STILL PREVAILS.

ONLY THOSE WHO FEEL THAT WAY CAN RIDE ON.

I'M GOING TO THE WASH-ROOM.

OH,

AND,

FOR THAT ANIME CLUB OF YOURS.

YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR MEMBERS, RIGHT?

I'LL LET THEM KNOW, TOO.

THIS SCHOOL HAS MANY STUDENTS FROM MY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

GOOD LUCK.

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

NEITHER HAVE I.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SAY SO MUCH BEFORE!

YOU'RE AMAZING, ONODA!

HE WAS HAVING AN ACTUAL CONVERSATION WITH YOU!

EH?

SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET ALL FRIENDLY WITH IMAIZUMI?

WAIT ...

HE'S PRETTY SCARY, ISN'T HE?

AND HE'S SO TALL!

.....

HE'S A VERY NICE PERSON!

HE'S JOKING, RIGHT?

AH,

UM,

IMAIZUMI-KUN IS ACTUALLY ...

GENTLE,

AND HE LOOKS OUT FOR OTHERS ...

LOVELY CHANCE! PETANKO-CHAN ♪

CAST A MAGIC SPELL ♪

I MIGHT HAVE BEATEN MY RECORD!

THAT WAS FAST!

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HIME NANO! HIME NANODA ♪

THEN I'M GOING TO THE CAPSULE TOY SHOP, AND TRY TO GET THE RARE BLACK MANYU TODAY!!

AH, I THINK THE LOVE☆HIME SOUNDTRACK IS OUT!

I'LL GO TO GAMERZONE FIRST, THEN AKIBOX TO CHECK OUT THE NEW RELELASES...

BLACK MANYU

AKIBOX

GAMERZONE

CAPSULE TOY HOUSE

FIGURINE HOUSE

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UHYOOO !!

HUH?

AH!

ARE YOU AN OTAKU!?

EH!?

AH, UM...

EEH!?

VIVC

VIVC

SAKAI

COME ON! SHOW ME AROUND!

OH,

AH, THINGS ON TV ARE NOT NECESSARILY ...

EH!? WHAT?

I'M LOOKING FOR GUNPLA! SHOW ME AROUND!

YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE THAT SAY "MOE--!", RIGHT? I'VE SEEN IT ON TV!

I CAN TOTALLY TELL!

UH, NO, I...

IS THIS YOUR BICYCLE?

...HM?

IT'S WAY TOO PLAIN! I ALMOST THOUGHT IT WAS A ROCK!

WHAT A BORING SILVER FINISH!

EH...? YEAH...

TRUSTY BRAKES,

WORN DOWN PEDALS,

THOSE SMOOTHED-OUT HANDLE GRIPS,

BUT...

AND THAT WELL-ADJUSTED SADDLE POSITION...!

THAT'S A GOOD BIKE YOU HAVE THERE!

RIDE.10 IT'S WHAT WE CALL TRUST

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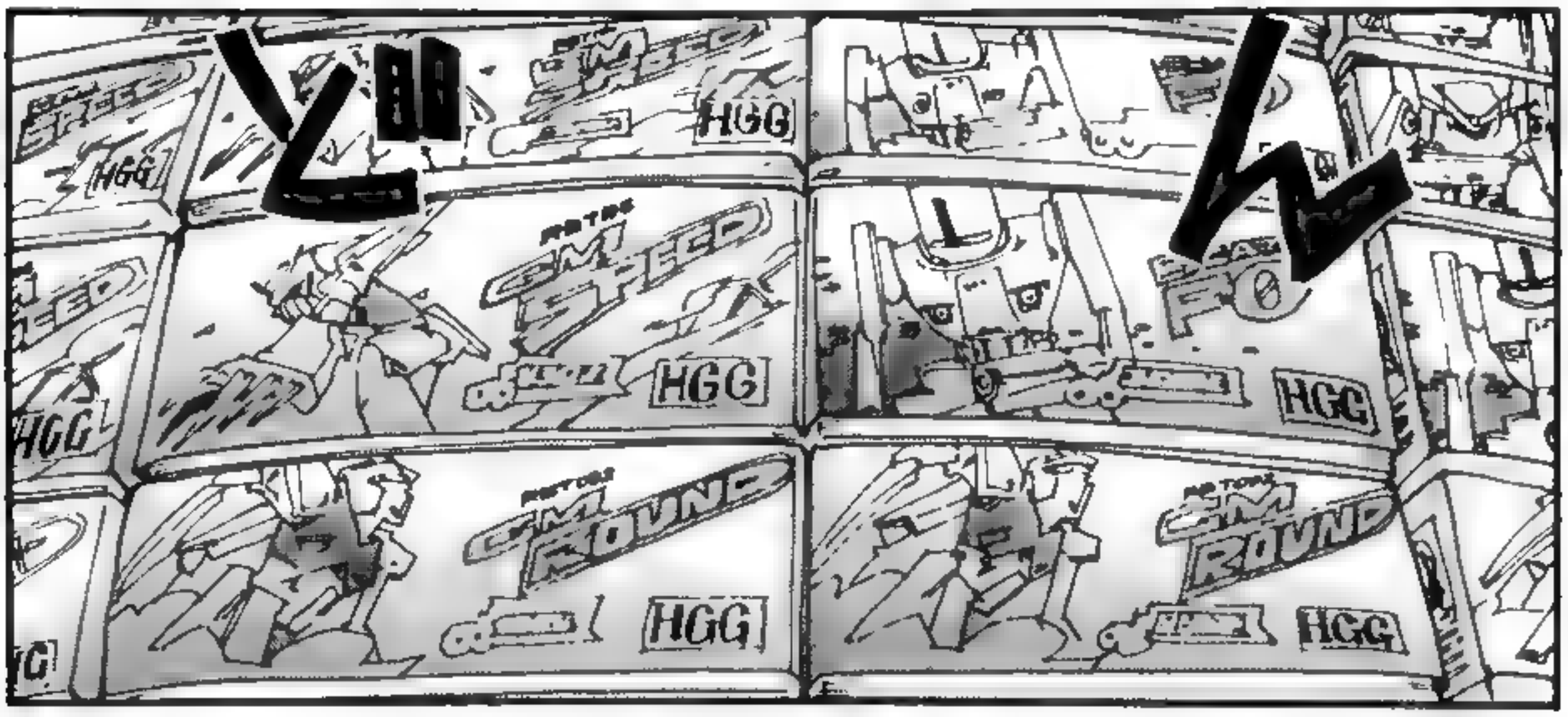

PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN...

WHICHI ONE SHOULD I GET? WHAT'S POPULAR RECENTLY!?

UM...

HE WAS FORCED TO COME ALONG.

THERE ARE SCALES, LIKE THE 1/100 OR THE 1/144 TYPES.

THE 1/100 KITS ARE MORE DETAILED...

IT'S GOT TO BE THIS ONE!

ISN'T IT IMPRESSIVE!

AND IT'S GOT HORNS!

IT'S RED!

LOOK AT THIS! THE BOX IS HUGE!!

HE'S BEING TOO LOUD...

HE WASN'T LISTENING AT ALL!

I'LL TAKE TWO OF THESE!

THIS SHOP IS LIKE A TREASURE TROVE!

WHOAAA! THERE ARE SO MANY KINDS!

RIDE.10 (ライド)

IT'S WHAT WE CALL TRUST

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

……

UH,

…OH,

I'M ONODA SAKAMICHI.

EH?

HE GOT IT WRONG!

HMM? IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY!

HAHA

THANKS, OHNODA-KUN! I MANAGED TO BUY WHAT I CAME FOR!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

DONE!

EH!?

UH, BUT,

THIS IS FOR MY CD …

SORRY, I'M 100 YEN SHORT!

BUT I ENDED UP NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE LOVE☆HIME SOUNDTRACK I WAS GOING TO BUY...!

SINCE I BOUGHT TWO OF THE SAME, THERE'S NO FIGHTING OVER IT TOO!

I BET MY BROTHERS WILL BE GLAD!

YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP.

I'VE ONLY SEEN AKIHABARA ON TV, SO I WANTED TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES,

BUT I WAS PRETTY LOST WHEN I GOT HERE!

I'M STILL NEW TO TOKYO.

DON'T WORRY, I'LL RETURN YOU THE MONEY YOU LENT ME.

I'VE LIVED IN OSAKA ALL MY LIFE, BUT MY PARENTS HAD TO MOVE HERE BECAUSE OF WORK.

I'M GLAD TO HAVE MET A KIND PERSON!

BUT MAID CAFES ARE EXPENSIVE ...

I MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH...

COULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND AKIHABARA SOME MORE?

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO? HOW ABOUT THE CAPSULE TOY SHOPS, OR THE DVD SHOPS...?

...I WANT TO SEE THE MAIDS!

HUH!?

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

OH, WE WERE HERE JUST NOW, WEREN'T WE?

THAT'S YOUR BIKE!

THERE ARE BICYCLES OF ALL SIZES, AND IT'S ALSO HOME TO MANY BICYCLE FACTORIES.

OSAKA IS A CITY OF BICYCLES.

THE REVOLUTIONARY BICYCLE MAKER, SHIMANO,

ALSO HAS ITS' ROOTS IN OSAKA.

I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF BICYCLES!

UTILITY BICYCLE FOR COMMUTING TO SCHOOL

A MOUNTAIN BIKE

A KUROMORI

AND A PINARELLO

THERE WAS ONCE I HAD FOUR BICYCLES TO MYSELF!

IT'S NORMAL FOR A FAMILY TO HAVE AT LEAST FIVE BICYCLES.

EVERYONE OWNS A BIKE, BE IT AN UTILITY BICYCLE OR A ROAD RACER.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS, LIKE HOW WELL IT'S BEEN MAINTAINED.

WHAT THE OWNER IS LIKE.

AND THAT'S WHY I CAN TELL,

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BUT THE TRUST IT'S BEEN GIVEN.

i can feel it from your bicycle!

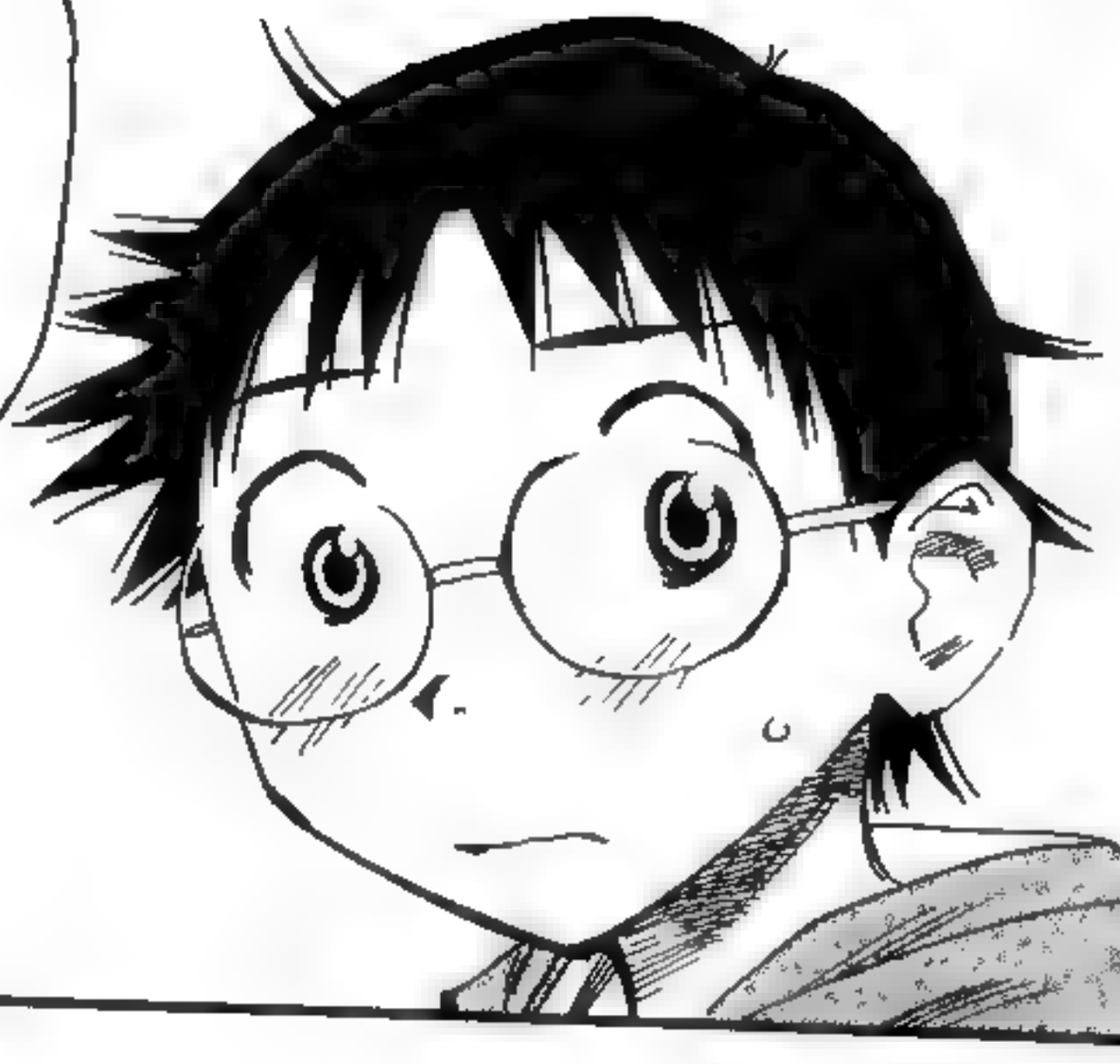
UM, BUT I'VE NEVER WASHED MY BICYCLE,

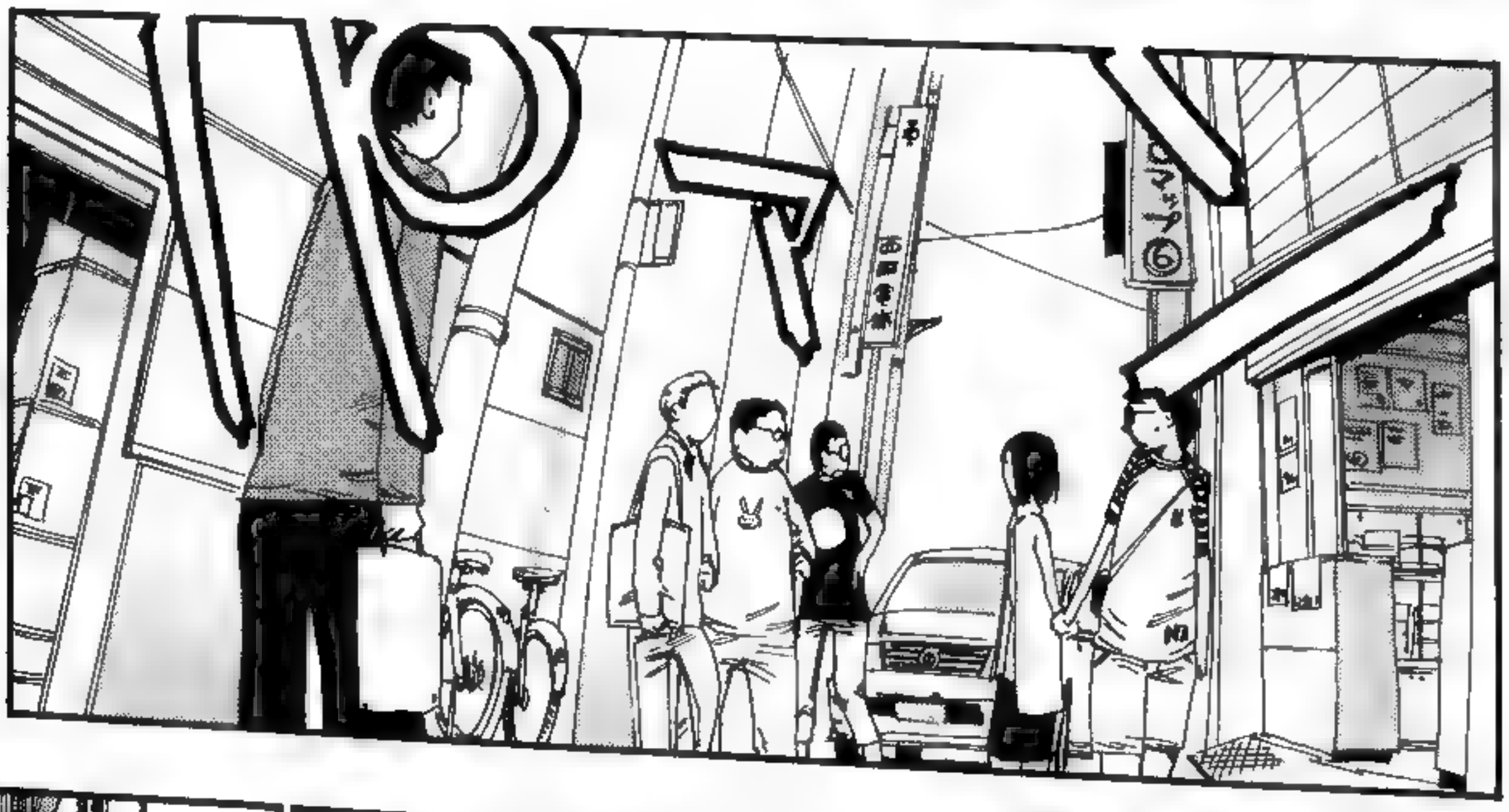
AND IT DIDN'T COST MUCH.

AH, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

IT'S NOT THE PRICE THAT MATTERS,

YOU'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF THROWING THIS BICYCLE AWAY, HAVE YOU?





GET OUT OF THE WAY!

IT'S SO COOL!!

WHAT!?

LOOK AT THAT BRIGHT YELLOW! AND THAT HUGE REAR SPOILER!

HE'S OBVIOUSLY A SCARY PERSON...

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THAT'S A REALLY COOL CAR YOU'VE GOT, BRO!

HE'S TALKING TO HIM!!

GAHAHA! IT'S A FINE CAR, ISN'T IT?

YOU'VE GOT A GOOD EYE, KID!

YELLOW'S A GOOD COLOR!

IT WAS A REALLY EXPENSIVE PAINT JOB, I TELL YOU!

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GAHA-HAHA!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WHAT...

WHA,

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I'M,

THAT PAINT JOB COSTED A HUNDRED THOUSAND, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!

GAHAHA!

GAHAHA, WHO CARES!?

IT'S PROBABLY ABANDONED OR SOMETHING.

IT'S JUST A DIRTY OLD BIKE!

HUH?

HEY, THAT LANDED ON THE BICYCLE.

THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD DUMP IT! APOLOGIZE NOW, BASTARD!

IT'S HIS PRECIOUS BIKE!

WHOA!

IT'S FINE, SO UM...

I'M A MAN WHO LOVES BICYCLES LIKE MY FRIENDS!

I AM NARUKO SHOUKICHI!!

YOU'RE THE VICTIM HERE!

COME ON, YOU TOO!

IT'S YOUR BIKE, SO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET ANGRY!

UM, BUT...

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AH, WAIT, DAMN IT!

LEAVE THOSE IDIOTS ALONE AND GO.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

GOT IT.

I SAID WAIT!

HAHA!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT BICYCLES?!

GO AHEAD AND CRY IF YOU WANT.

YOU BASTARD!!

DON'T MAKE FUN OF BICYCLES,

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DAMN IT!

...YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE.

UM...

I'M SORRY ...

SHALL WE GO TRY THE CAPSULE TOY MACHINES? IT'S CLOSE BY, AND I CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR BOTH OF US...

BEING ABLE TO...

THAT GUY RUINED MY DAY!

OH,

FOR A CHANGE OF PACE...

SO, MAYBE...

HAVE FUN IN AKIHABARA WITH A FRIEND...

HE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON...

I'M GOING BACK TO CHIBA.

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THAT NOW.

SORRY, OHNODA-KUN.

IS MY DREAM!

...YEAH.

THANKS FOR THE HELP.

BYE, THEN.

MY DREAM...

OH...

OKAY...

I THINK SOME OF NARUKO'S FORCEFUL NATURE RUBBED OFF ON ME, BUT...

UM,

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SHALL WE GO BACK TOGETHER...

BY BICYCLE?

WAIT.

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UM, DID YOU SAY CHIBA? I'M HEADED BACK TO CHIBA TO, SO...

NO,

OH, THEN WE MIGHT BE STAYING QUITE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER!

I FORGOT WHICH DISTRICT IT WAS, BUT IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY.

HMM...

UM, WHICH PART OF CHIBA ARE YOU HEADED TO?

ISN'T THAT THE FLASHY CAR WITH THE HUGE SPOILER?

HEY, THAT'S...

EH? WHAT?

WHOA! IT'S A MIRACLE!

WE'RE GOING AFTER IT, OHNODA-KUN!

YES... WAIT, WHAT!?

IT'S THAT FLASHY CAR!

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WE'RE GOING AFTER IT, OHNODA-KUN!!

EH!?

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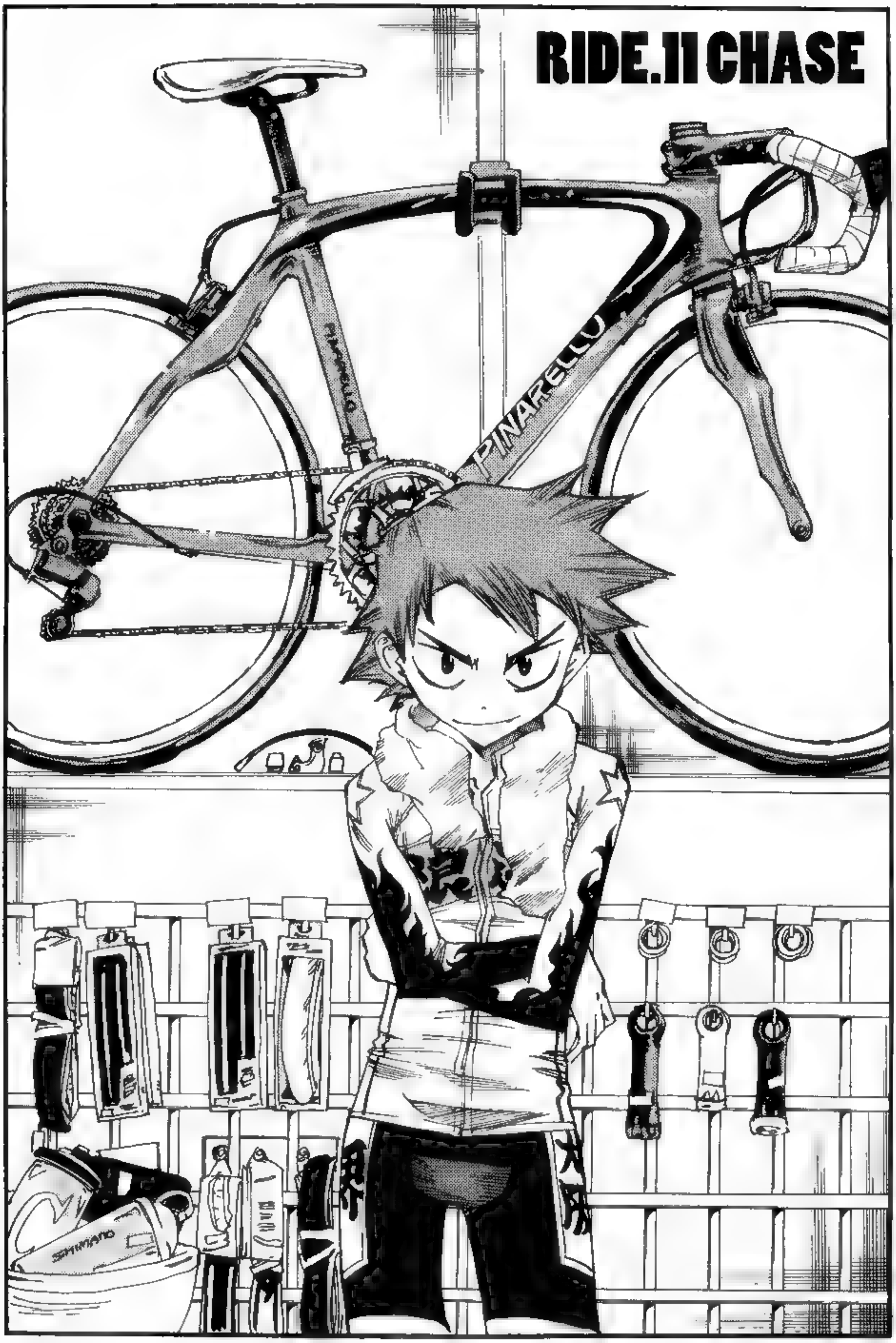

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CHASE?!

W, WHAT...

WAIT!

ON A BICYCLE ...!?

CATCHING UP TO THAT...

YOU MEAN,, AFTER THAT CAR...?

HE'S SERIOUS.

THAT'S A CAR!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

BICYCLE OR CAR,

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

AH,

THAT'S...!

I PICKED IT UP JUST NOW HOPING TO GET REVENGE!

WE'RE GOING TO THROW IT RIGHT BACK AT HIM.

ISN'T IT!?

THE CIGARETTE THAT GUY FLICKED AT MY BICYCLE JUST NOW

YOUR BICYCLE WAS DAMAGED!

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?!

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE CHANCE WOULD COME SO EASILY, THOUGH!

IT'S PAYBACK TIME!

YOU'VE GOT TO PEDAL REAL HARD, OR YOU'LL GET LEFT BEHIND!

FINE...

LET'S GO!

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HE'S KEEPING UP WITH ME!?

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WHOA!?

IF YOU COULDN'T KEEP UP, I WAS PLANNING ON GOING AHEAD MYSELF...

INTEREST-ING!

EH!?

HEH HEH HEH!

YOU'RE ONE INTEREST-ING CHAP!

THIS CALLS FOR A CHANGE OF PLANS...!

HUH!?

TAKE IT.

I PICKED IT UP ON MY WAY HERE.

IT'S A HELMET. YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE ONE ON.

IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, RIGHT?

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IF WE GO ANY FASTER,

IT'S GOING TO BE DANGEROUS, EVEN ON THE BICYCLE PATH...

FROM HERE ONWARDS ...

!?

WE'RE HITTING THE ROAD!

...WHAT!?

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EEEK!

OH, AND,
BICYCLES WERE ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED 'VEHICLES' TOO. IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU CAN USE THE ROAD.
HERE'S A WARNING IN ADVANCE
LET'S GO BACK TO THE SIDE-WALK...
WHOA!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! NARUKO-KUN!!
IS DANGEROUS.
GOING TOO SLOW ON THE ROAD,

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I NEED TO PICK UP SPEED...

IT'S SCARY...!

PEDAL...

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FASTER...!

FASTER...!

GO FASTER...!

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PEDAL...

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WHOA!?

THAT CADENCE WAS CLEARLY ABNORMAL! IT PROBABLY WENT OVER 100...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.

WHAT!? JUST WHAT IS HE!?

YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTING!!

WE CAN DO THIS!

LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT WE'VE GOT!!

NO, 200 RPM ...!?

I HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED THE SPEED-MAN OF NANIWA FOR NOTHING!

I'M GOING ALL OUT!

!?

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LET'S GO!!

WAIT!

*NANIWA: OLD NAME FOR OSAKA

I COMPLETELY MISSED IT!

DAMN! I WAS SO DISTRACTED BY HIS IMPOSSIBLE CADENCE...

HE'S NOT RIDING ON A ROAD RACER,

...OH.

CAN'T GO ANY FASTER...!

I...

TO THE OUTER GEAR,

SPEED

IF HE WAS RIDING ON A ROAD RACER, THEN HE COULD HAVE SWITCHED THE FRONT GEAR,

SPEED

AND THROUGH THAT ABNORMAL CADENCE OF HIS,

BUT A PLAIN OLD UTILITY BICYCLE!!

HE COULD ACCELERATE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...!

DAMN IT...!

HE COULD CATCH UP TO THAT FLASHY CAR IN NO TIME AT ALL!

DAMN! IF ONLY HE HAD A DERAILER...

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WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

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AND LEAVE HIM HERE...

SHOULD I GO ON AHEAD...

BECAUSE IT'S HIS BICYCLE ...!

NO, I WANT TO LET HIM HAVE HIS OWN REVENGE!

WAIT!! THAT... THING ON THE FRONT OF YOUR BIKE IS!?

HUH?

!!

IF HE HAD A DERAILER ON HIS BICYCLE...!

AH!!

AH...

UM, THIS IS... SOMETHING I RECEIVED...

FROM KANZAKI-SAN...

THAT IS...!

SHE SAID I SHOULD HAVE ONE, JUST IN CASE...

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CYCLE SHOP KANZAKI

NICE WEATHER TODAY!

CYCLE SHOP KANZAKI

YO.

OH, IMAIZUMI-KUN!

WELCOME!

ONODA CAME BY RECENTLY.

I HEARD THAT...

HIS FRONT GEAR SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED FROM THE RACE, SO HE CAME TO GET IT FIXED.

YES.

I GAVE HIM A LITTLE ADD-ON BONUS.

...AND SO,

TREK

WHAT DID YOU DO?

did you give him a bottle holder?

I'M SURE IT'LL COME IN USEFUL!

HE'S GOT A DERAILER...!

I JUST ADDED A GEAR TO HIS BICYCLE.

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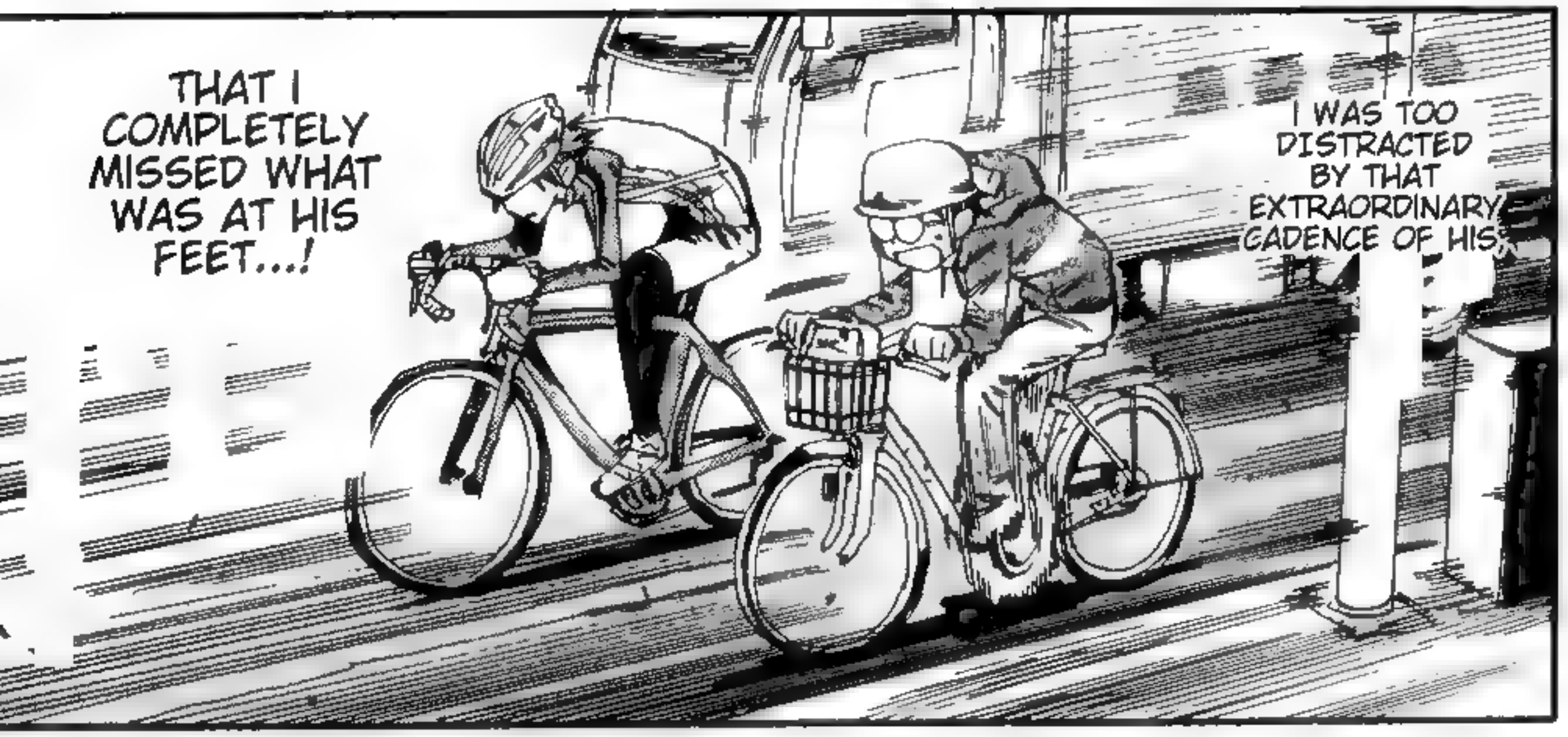

WITH HIS STEADY AND FAST PEDALLING ON THAT SMALLER GEAR,

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU PUT THE TWO TOGETHER?

IF HE USES THE LARGER GEAR FOR SPEED...

THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU THAT IS ONE CUNNING FOX!

HEH HEH HEH!

I-WANT TO SEE THAT FOR MYSELF!

HOW FAR CAN HE GO ...!?

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SHE'S TRYING TO DRAG YOU INTO THE WORLD OF ROAD RACING!

EH!? NO, KANZAKI-SAN IS A REALLY NICE PERSON,

AND SHE'S REALLY PRETTY, SO SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A FO-

SHE'S KIND TO EVERYONE,

NO WAY! I CAN'T DO IT!

IN FACT, I...

KANZAKI-SAN WANTED ME TO TRY ROAD-RACING...?

WHAT ...?

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I'VE FAILED EVERY PHYS. ED. CLASS EVER!

NO PROBLEM! SPEED IS ALL THAT MATTERS!

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CHANGING GEARS

WE'RE GOING TO CATCH UP TO THAT CAR!

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SWITCH YOUR GEARS, AND WE'LL GO AT FULL SPEED!

WHERE WAS THAT...?

SOME-WHERE...

SHE WAS POINTING ...

REMEMBER, THIS IS HOW YOU CHANGE GEARS.

PRESS THIS.

THANK YOU!

IT'S DONE!

I THREW IN A LITTLE BONUS JUST FOR YOU, ONODA-KUN!

SWITCH THE GEAR...?

.....!!

I DON'T REMEMBER!!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

I WAS SPACING OUT...

BLISS

REALLY, THANK YOU!

THE FIRST TIME HE RECEIVED A PRESENT FROM A GIRL.

IT SHOULD BE WHERE YOUR LEFT HAND IS!

EH!?

YOUR LEFT HAND!

THERE ARE NUMBERS ON IT!!

LEFT... AH, THERE IT IS!!

AND YOUR RIGHT HAND CONTROLS THE REAR DERAILER.

YOUR LEFT HAND CONTROLS THE FRONT DERAILER.

IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD!!

NOW, SWITCH TO THE OUTER GEAR!

THE GEAR ...

CHANGED!

...WHA,

WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?

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BUT...

IT MAY BE HEAVY,

SO THIS IS,

ARE HEAVIER!

THE PEDALS ...

THE OUTER GEAR!

YOU SURE ARE INTER-ESTING!

REALLY!

I CAN FEEL THE ENERGY FROM PEDALLING,

PROPELLING ME FORWARDS!

GO FASTER!!

WITH THIS, I CAN-

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I'M BEING PUSHED FORWARDS!

WITH EACH STEP,

IS FLYING BY LIKE A BLUR!

THE SCENERY,

AM I REALLY THE ONE PUSHING MYSELF FORWARD...?

IS THIS REALLY MY OWN STRENGTH?

I CAN FEEL THE WIND...

SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE BICYCLE...!

YAMAKA-

LET'S GO, OHNODA-KUN!!
HE'S STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AFTER THE BRIDGE!
THE LIGHT'S RED! WE'VE GOT HIM!!

I'M NOT OHNODA, BUT ONODA.

BY THE WAY,
YES!!

I'M SORRY THEN, ONODA-KUN!!

HEH HEH HEH!

CAN I GET FASTER!?

EVEN IF I'M SLOW AT RUNNING,

EVEN IF I HAVE NO PHYSICAL STRENGTH

NO PROB-LEM! SPEED IS ALL THAT MAT-TERS!

NARUKO-KUN...

WITH THIS,

I FEEL LIKE I CAN GO ANYWHERE!

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CYCLE SHOP KANZAKI

CAN I CONTINUE CYCLING...!?

YEAH, TO HELP HIM ALONG FLAT TERRAIN!

A FRONT DERAILER?

THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE,

SAG!

BUT THERE'S NO TELLING HOW HE'D FARE ON ROADS.

WELL, HE PROVED HIS SKILL RIDING UP SLOPES,

EHE!

CYCLE STAFF

THAT DEFINITELY WASN'T YOUR MAIN INTENTION, RIGHT?

I CAN SEE WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.

TRYING TO OVERCOME THAT HURDLE...

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CUTTY FAS

BETWEEN CLIMBING SLOPES AND FLAT GROUND.

MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DO ALONE...

AN INVISIBLE WALL...

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EH? WHY?

THIS IS BAD!

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WHAT? A WALL!?

WE'RE COMING UP AGAINST A WALL.

IT'S THE NATURAL ENEMY OF ALL CYCLISTS,

WE'VE BEEN FINE SO FAR BECAUSE THERE WERE BUILDINGS ON EITHER SIDE,

BUT THERE'S NOTHING ONCE WE GET ON THE BRIDGE!

IS SOMETHING WRONG? WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

RIGHT AFTER THE BRIDGE...

THE WIND!

WAAAA!

WHAT IS THIS!?

WAAAAA!

A WALL!

IT'S JUST LIKE...

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING PUSHING ME BACK!

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, !

DON'T WORRY.

SWITCH BACK TO THE INNER GEAR.

EH?

THE SPEED-MAN OF NANIWA IS BEST FRIENDS WITH THE WIND!

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THE WIND IS TOO STRONG...!!

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I CAN'T MOVE FORWARD...!

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I'M MOVING AT LESS THAN HALF THE SPEED PREVIOUSLY...!

THE WIND PICKED UP THE MOMENT WE REACHED THE BRIDGE...

AH...

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I'M LOSING SPEED...

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CATCH UP TO THAT CAR NOW...

I CAN'T ...

THE PEDALS ARE AS HEAVY AS ROCKS!

CYCLE SHOP

KAWASAKI

...THE WIND?

EVERYONE HAS PROBABLY EXPERIENCED IT.

COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER IF ONODA-KUN WENT TO AKIBA TODAY.

I WAS TRAINING NEAR THE COAST TODAY, AND THE WIND WAS VERY STRONG.

BUT ON THE WAY BACK, YOU REALIZE THAT IT WAS JUST THE TAILWIND, AND NOW IT'S PUSHING YOU BACK.

RIDING A BICYCLE OUT ONE DAY,

THE JOURNEY IS EASY AND YOU'RE MOVING AT A GOOD SPEED,

...WELL, THEN,

BUT, WHAT IF HE WASN'T ON HIS OWN?!

THE WIND HAS A HUGE INFLUENCE ON SPEED, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRAIN OFTEN.

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CONQUER THAT ON HIS OWN.

IF THERE IS ONE MORE PERSON...

ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S ALSO NEW TO USING GEARS.

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NARUKO-KUN!!

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P, PULL!?

I'M GOING TO PULL YOU ALONG!!

I'M KNOWN AS THE BEST SPRINTER IN THE NANIWA AREA! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PICK UP SOME SPEED, EVEN WHEN IT'S WINDY!

LIKE WITH A ROPE? OR ARE WE GOING TO HOLD HANDS!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PULL...?

TRUST ME.

THAT'S DANGEROUS!

STAY CLOSE BEHIND ME!

THE SPEED-MAN OF NANIWA IS BEST FRIENDS WITH THE WIND!

DON'T WORRY!

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AND STICK REAL CLOSE, WITHOUT A GAP BETWEEN OUR TYRES!

BELIEVE IN ME!

!!?

LIKE A COMBINATION FEATURE!

SOMETHING TO PULL ANOTHER BICYCLE BEHIND HIM.

OH! I KNOW! IT'S A NEW DEVICE ON EXPENSIVE RACING BIKES, RIGHT?

IT'S KNOWN AS THE "CLUSTER", OR THE "GROUP"...

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING COMMON IN ROAD RACES.

EXPENSIVE BICYCLES ARE AMAZING!!

I THINK YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING!

IT'S LIKE AN EXPRESS TRAIN!

BY TAKING TURNS IN FRONT, TO CREATE A SLIPSTREAM FOR THE OTHERS BEHIND HIM.

I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!!!

I GUESS,

EH, WHAT!?

BUT THE LOGIC IS THE SAME!

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE A TRAIN WITH ONLY TWO CARS,

BETWEEN THE TYRES...!!

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WAAA AA!

LEAVE NO GAP...

THE WIND...

WHAT IS THIS...!?

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...HUH?

THE WIND HAS CEASED, BUT ONLY AROUND ME!!

HOW IS IT?

BEING PULLED ALONG!

JUST LIKE,

THIS IS...

THE PEDALS ARE LIGHTER NOW!

AMAZING!

WELCOME ABOARD THE BICYCLE EXPRESS!

BEFORE WE DO, YOU'VE GOT TO CONSERVE YOUR ENERGY, BUT KEEP PEDALLING!

WE CAN CONQUER THE WIND!

BY HELPING EACH OTHER OUT,

LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP THIS SPEED TILL YOU CATCH UP TO THE CAR!

USE THE OUTER GEAR, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH! IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE, SO DON'T MISS IT!

WHEN I GIVE YOU THE CUE, GET IN FRONT OF ME AND THROW THIS RIGHT BACK AT THEM.

ARE YOU READY, ONODA-KUN?

HE'S AMAZING...

SO THIS IS THE TRUE MEANING OF 'COMBINATION'!

YES!!

THE FASTEST SPRINTER, RIGHT FROM NANIWA...

HOLD ON TIGHT, ONODA-KUN!!

ALL RIGHT THEN, WATCH ME!

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CYCLISTS.

AND THE CLIMBERS, WHO TAKE ON MOUNTAINOUS SLOPES.

THE SPRINTERS, WHO SPECIALIZE IN FLAT TERRAIN.

BECAUSE THE FASTEST IS THE COOLEST!

AT AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 50KM/H, OVERTAKING A CAR IS POSSIBLE!

I'M A SPRINTER!

THE CLIMBERS PRIORITIZE WEIGHT AND BALANCE,

WHILE THE THE SPRINTERS MAKE USE OF THEIR MUSCLES FOR BURSTS OF SPEED.

THIS IS THE FASTEST EXPRESS SERVICE!

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THERE IT IS!!

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NARUKO-KUN, YOU'RE AMAZING!!

WOW... WE'RE GOING FASTER!

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IT'S UP TO YOU NOW, ONODA-KUN!!

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GO GET THEM!!
ALMOST THERE!!
IT'S THAT KID FROM JUST NOW!?
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WAIT...

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I DID IT... I OVERTOOK THEM!
AND THE WIND...
HE OVERTOOK A CAR ON A BICYCLE...!?

FEELS SO GOOD!

THE WIND

HE'S REALLY INTER-ESTING.

HE TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT HIS REVENGE!

HEH HEH HEH!

JUST IMAGINE, IF HE WAS RIDING ON A ROAD BIKE INSTEAD!

I'VE UNDERESTIMATED YOU, ONODA-KUN!

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SOUHOKU HIGH'S BICYCLE RACING CLUB

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YESTERDAY'S EPISODE WAS SO FUNNY!

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LET'S HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!

HOW ABOUT THE CLUB ROOM?

WHERE SHAL.. WE EAT?

*GROWL

BUT ALL I DID WAS GO TO AKIBA YESTERDAY...

YOU ATE TOO MUCH YESTERDAY, SO THERE ISN'T ENOUGH MAKE YOU A LUNCHBOX TODAY.

SORRY.

I WAS HUNGRY WHEN I GOT HOME YESTERDAY TOO, SO I ATE A LOT FOR DINNER...

AHAHA!

URGH... FOR SOME REASON, I'M REALLY HUNGRY...

YESTER-DAY, AT THE BOOK-STORE...

AND CHASED AFTER A CAR WITH NARUKO-KUN...

PRETTY FUN...

OR RATHER,

THAT WAS...

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT FOR FOOD NOW!

IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE REMEMBER-ING THAT!

FOR TODAY'S LUNCH IS ...

•GROWL

I FELT A GREAT SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT ...

BREAD!!

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ONE JAM BUN PLEASE!

I GOT HERE FIRST!

CURRY BUN!

COME ON, GET IN LINE!

HEY! THAT'S MINE!

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DON'T GIVE UP, ONODA SAKAMICHI!

HERE IS YOUR CHANGE.

THE PORK BUNS ARE SOLD OUT!

I'LL TAKE THAT!

WAA!

DEFEAT.

MELON-PAN!

JAM BUN!

UOOH!

A YAKISOBA BUN!

AH!

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE YOU BUYING FOR?

AH, AND HE BOUGHT SO MUCH!

HEH HEH HEH!

THAT'S ALL!

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W, WHO IS IT?

THE SAME PERSON'S BEEN TAKING MY BREAD...

HEH HEH HEH, NO WORRIES!

WHAT IS YOUR STOMACH MADE OF!?

WHAT !?

IT'S ALL FOR ME!

HOW SELFISH!

CYCLING,

MAKES ME HUNGRY!

NARUKO-KUN...

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT!!

Y, YEAH ...

HEH HEH HEH!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED, THEN!

I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MINE!

OH, THANKS!

YOU DIDN'T MANAGE TO BUY ANY BREAD?

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS SPACING OUT!

WE WEREN'T ONLY LIVING CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL!

A FRESH-MAN?

HE'S GOT RED HAIR.

WHOA, A REDHEAD!

TO THINK THAT NARUKO-KUN IS IN THE SAME SCHOOL!

I'M GLAD...

HAS A BICYCLE RACING CLUB.

THIS SCHOOL,

THAT'S WHY I CHOSE TO COME HERE.

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MY SCORES COULD HAVE LANDED ME IN A BETTER SCHOOL, BUT THIS WAS MY FIRST CHOICE!

AND BECAUSE THERE ARE LOTS OF CUTE GIRLS!

like that girl over there!

I HE BARELY MADE IT.

JWA, HE'S I LOOKING OVER HERE

THE BICYCLE RACING CLUB...

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IMAIZUMI-KUN...

ON A CLUB?

HAVE YOU DECIDED,

GOING TO REVIVE ...

THE ...

ANIME CLUB...

NO, I'M...

I'LL BE A PART OF THE BICYCLE CLUB!

STARTING TOMORROW,

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自転車競技部

AND I WAS IN A RACE IN KANSAI BEFORE I CAME OVER, TOO.

WELL, IT WASN'T A REALLY IMPORTANT RACE.

I WANTED TO JOIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THOUGH.

I WAS BUSY BECAUSE WE HAD TO MOVE IN APRIL,

SO TOMORROW'S A BETTER START!

TODAY'S AN INAUSPICIOUS DAY,

LUCK IS IMPORTANT, TOO!

so that's your reason?

WAS WHAT THEY SAID, SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP THEM OUT.

"WITHOUT THE SPEED MAN OF NANIWA, IT WOULDN'T BE AS EXCITING",

A RACE...

IT WAS A RACE,

AROUND THE COASTLINE OF THE COUNTRY.

AND ACROSS MOUNTAINS.

AS WE SCALED IMPOSSIBLY STEEP SLOPES,

ON OUR BICYCLES.

BY THE SPEED WE WERE GOING AT.

NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD BE SHOCKED,

AND MAINTAINING OUR PHYSICAL CONDITION,

BY KEEPING AN EYE ON THE REST.

EATING WHILE CYCLING,

DRINKING WHILE CYCLING.

WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH!

AND WHEN THE GOAL IS NEAR,

IT'S THE FINAL ATTACK.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN CATCH UP.

IT'S NOT WISE TO GO AT FULL SPEED, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT GET OVERTAKEN LATER.

ALL MY STRENGTH...

YOU'VE GOT TO CONSERVE THAT BIT TILL THE VERY END,

HOLD IT IN,

AND LEAP OUT AT THE PERFECT TIMING...

KEEP CLOSE TO THE COMPETITION,

FOR VICTORY!

EVEN IF YOU GRAB ANY GIRL THERE AND KISS THEM

THEY DEFINITELY WOULDN'T MIND!

AND THAT IS THE MOMENT WE ALL LIVE FOR.

ACCOMPLISHMENT...

AND A RICH SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

RACES USE UP ALL YOUR ENERGY.

WELL, THAT IS, IF YOU DON'T COLLAPSE.

WHICH IS WHY YOU'LL FEEL HUNGRY AFTER CYCLING.

YOU EXPEND AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF CALORIES.

CYCLING'S THE ONLY SPORT IN THE WORLD,

IT'S THE THRILL,

AS I THOUGHT, THE REASON FOR MY HUNGER WAS...

!!

WHERE YOU CAN EAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A RACE.

PINARELLO

FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SPORTS.

CYCLING IS,

HUH?

YOU'VE GOT THE POTENTIAL TO BE ONE.

YOU SHOULD TRY ROAD RACING, TOO.

...EH?

IT'S INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?

OW...

COULD YOU PASS US THE BALL?

SORRY ABOUT THAT!

GYAAOW!

THAT I CAN DO...!

IF I HAVE A SPORT,

IF THAT IS TRUE,

THE POTEN-TIAL...?

IT'S DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE!

OW...

AHA-HAHA!

KYAA!

.....

ARE YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY, ONODA-KUN?

THE BACK-GATE SLOPE...

THAT'S STRANGE ...

WHERE IS NARUKO-KUN?

HM?

I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE HERE BEFORE ME, SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "LOOK! I FOUND THIS COOL BICYCLE SHOP!"

GUESS I WAS WRONG.

WAIT FOR ME AT THE BASE OF THE SLOPE!!

I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING COOL!

REVIVE THE ANIME CLUB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

I NEED TO,

A CAPSULE TOY

I HAVEN'T BEEN AS MOTIVATED RECENTLY...

COME TO THINK OF IT,

I CAN HEAR A ROAD RACER!

HE'S HERE!

TOWARDS ME?

IT'S COMING CLOSER

WHAT IS IT?

THIS IS SOMETHING FAR STRONGER

EH...?

IT'S NOT A SPORTS BICYCLE

WHAT IS IT?

UWAA!

.....

UWAAAA!

JUST WHAT IS THIS PRESSURE...?

LIKE A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND,

IT'S DEAFENING...

STOP TALKING, AND FOCUS.

OVERTAKING IS ALLOWED FROM THIS POINT ON, AND THE PERSON WHO ENDS UP LAST...

IS HE HERE TO CHECK OUT THE CLUB?

I WONDER IF HE'LL JOIN US ON OUR PRACTICE RUNS.

THOUGH I'LL OVERTAKE HIM IN A SECOND.

THAT KID WITH GLASSES,

WAS FROM THAT RACE WITH IMAIZUMI, WASN'T HE?

THE ONE TADOKORO-CCHI WAS INTERESTED IN...

WILL HAVE TO DO ANOTHER LAP!

YES SIR!

SOHOKU

WAS THAT...

THE SOUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL BICYCLE RACE CLUB...!?

...AH,

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

HOW WAS IT?
!

THE BICYCLE CLUB...!!

THAT WAS THE BICYCLE CLUB.
DID IT INSPIRE YOU?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUPPORT YOUR BODY BY YOURSELF.

THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CYCLING AND MOST SPORTS.

ALL YOU NEED IS THE STAMINA TO KEEP PEDALLING.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE FAST AT RUNNING, NOR BE ABLE TO KICK A BALL. THERE'S NO NEED FOR FAST REACTIONS AS WELL.

HOWEVER, IN CYCLING, YOUR WEIGHT IS SUPPORTED BY THE BICYCLE.

IN BASEBALL, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL... THESE ACTIVITIES REQUIRE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO MOVE AROUND.

CYCLE SHOP

KANZ

IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO.

RIDE.15 IF I HAVE THE POTENTIAL...

ARE WE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR?

YOU KNOW, THAT.

OF COURSE WE'RE DOING IT.

IS THERE A NEED TO ASK?

THE FRESHMEN INITIATION THING WE ALWAYS DO.

IMAIZUMI,

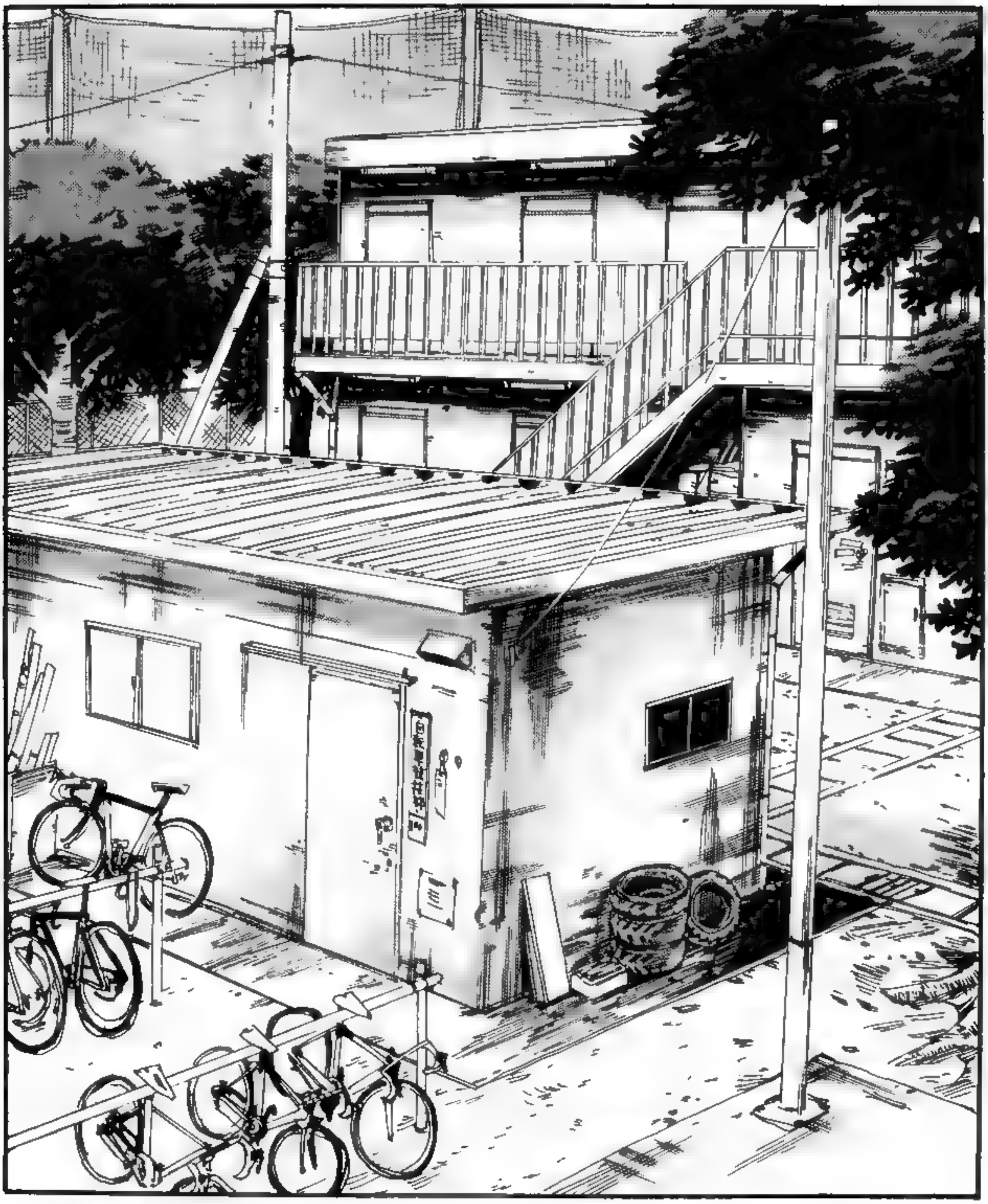
YOU AREN'T EXEMPTED FROM THIS, GOT IT?

BE PRE-PARED.

I'M ALWAYS PRE-PARED.

WILL SURVIVE THIS YEAR...

I WONDER HOW MANY,



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EVEN THOUGH THIS IS FOR BEGINNERS, IT'S FULL OF JARGON!

I'LL GO ASK NARUKO-KUN ABOUT IT LATER...

BI, BINDING? AND WHAT IS A CLEAT?

THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE SADDLE... WAIT, THE SADDLE CAN MOVE FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS!?

UM...

HM,

HEY!

WHOA!

I WONDER WHAT THE MEMBERS ARE LIKE!

A RED-HEAD!

WHOA, HIS HAIR IS RED!

TODAY'S THE DAY!

I'M GOING TO JOIN THE BICYCLE CLUB!

you gave me a surprise!

NA, NARUKO-KUN!

I NEVER KNEW ONODA-KUN WAS THAT TYPE...

AH, IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE...

'FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS' THINGS.

DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?

I KNOW HIM! IT'S THAT GUY FROM CLASS 6 WHO GOT TOLD OFF FOR HIS HAIR COLOR.

ONODA-KUN,

...RIGHT, NOW FOR THE MAIN TOPIC!

I HAD TO POOP TWICE THIS MORNING!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT!

REALLY!?

WOW, REALLY?

OH, WHAT'S THIS?

I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND! IT'S A UNIQUE WORLD!

COULD THE BOTH OF YOU BE,

COULD IT BE?

IT'S SPECIAL ...

I'VE BEEN IN THIS FOR THREE YEARS ALREADY!

ROAD RACERS?

...OH!

UH, SORT OF.

I THINK HE'S MY CLASS-MATE.

IS HE YOUR FRIEND OR SOMETHING?

ARE YOU TWO JOINING THE BICYCLE CLUB? I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! THE BICYCLE CLUB HERE IS FAMOUS!

HOW COMPLI-CATED!

MY BAD! I SHOULDN'T BE BRAGGING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STARTING OUT!

ONE!

IT'S LIKE YOU'VE BECOME ONE WITH THE BICYCLE!

THE FEEL OF THE ROAD AGAINST THE TYRES ...!

YOU MUSN'T BE FRIGHTENED BY THE EXTREME POSTURES THEY USE!

ROAD RACERS ARE ALWAYS DISCOVER-ING NEW THINGS AS THEY GROW!

ROAD RACERS ARE ABLE TO BECOME ONE WITH THEIR BICYCLE!!

...
WHERE DID THEY GO?

UH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT ...
THAT WAS A PAIN.

YES.

SO, HAVE YOU DECIDED?

KANZAKI-SAN,

I'VE MET IMAIZUMI-KUN,

SHIMANO

BUT IN MY FIRST FEW WEEKS OF HIGH SCHOOL,

IN THE END, I DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET ANY MEMBERS FOR THE ANIME CLUB,

THAT'S GREAT!

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HEH HEH HEH!

AND NARUKO-KUN.

THEY'RE ALL WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

IT'S THANKS TO ONODA-KUN!

OH, AND THEY WANT THIS EVA THING TOO.

OH, THAT!

REALLY!

BY THE WAY, MY BROTHERS LOVED THE GUNPLA!

REALLY GOOD TODAY.

THE WEATHER IS

.....

AND THE ONE THING THAT LED TO THESE ENCOUNTERS...

T, THANK YOU.

NARUKO-KUN, I KNOW I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT,

UM,

.....

you're welcome!

TO BE HONEST, I'VE NOT COMPLETELY GIVEN UP ON THE ANIME CLUB.

BUT,

I WANTED TO CHASE AFTER THEM...

WHEN I SAW THE BICYCLE CLUB YESTERDAY,

I WANTED TO TRY IT OUT FOR MYSELF, TOO.

I GOT A LITTLE FIRED UP TOO...

THEN I WANT TO GIVE THE BICYCLE RACING CLUB A TRY.

IF I DO HAVE THE POTENTIAL,

I'LL JOIN TOO.

BUT IF IT GETS TOO MUCH FOR YOU, IT'S OKAY TO QUIT.

EH?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, THEN YOU'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED!

HEH HEH HEH!

THE SAME GOES FOR BICYCLES.

WHETHER TO STOP, OR TO MOVE FORTH.

IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE,

I STILL HAVE PLENTY TO TELL YOU ABOUT!

OH, WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

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WE ONLY GOT THREE MEMBERS THIS YEAR?

WE'VE GOT A FEW LAST-MINUTE APPLICATIONS, KINJOU-SAN.

THEY WERE SENT IN DURING LUNCH BREAK TODAY.

KAWADA, SAKURAI, IMAIZUMI...

YEAH.

HERE!

YES.

I'LL GO IN AND GREET THEM FIRST, AND YOU CAN COME IN AFTER ME.

HERE WE ARE, ON THE SACRED GROUNDS OF THE CLUB ROOM!

JUST BREATHE DEEPLY, AND STAY CALM!

THANKS.

AH, THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO, REDHEAD!

I'LL TEACH YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW!

THREE OF THEM, IN FACT.

YOU CAN ASK ME ANYTHING!

I'M NARUKO SHOUKICHI, FROM KANSAI SAKAIHAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL!

I LOVE BEING IN THE CENTER OF ATTENTION! NICE TO MEET YOU!

AH, I, I'M FROM 1-4...

WAA!

HIYA!

WE HAVE MORE NOW...

SIX MEMBERS, HUH.

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WAIT, SO HE WASN'T AN AMATEUR!?

I'M HONORED!

I'VE HEARD ABOUT NARUKO FROM ONE OF OUR GRADUATES WHO WENT TO UNIVERSITY IN KANSAI.

I HEARD ABOUT A STRONG CYCLIST FROM KANSAI JOINING THIS SCHOOL, TOO.

SO YOU'RE NARUKO...

SO YOU'RE IMAIZUMI-KUN? ONODA-KUN TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.

THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.

I CAN TELL THAT HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT THIS...

HE'S TALL... AROUND 180CM, PERHAPS.

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

HE'S A SPRINTER...

YES.

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SHIMANO

I'M SAKURAI!

I'M KAWADA, FROM CLASS 1-5

ARE YOU A BEGINNER TOO?

YEAH.

I'M SUGIMOTO. FEEL FREE TO ASK ME ANYTHING!

I JOINED TOO...

ONODA ...!!

LINE UP, FIRST-YEARS.

I AM KINJOU, CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.

Y, YES.

SOHOKU

HE HAD TO JOIN TODAY!

OF ALL DAYS,

SINCE KANZAKI DID THAT FOR HIM, I EXPECTED THIS TO HAPPEN...

BUT HE SURE IS UNLUCKY.

I'M SORRY TO THE THREE WHO HAVE JUST JOINED TODAY,

ARE WE STARTING FROM INTRO-DUCTIONS?

YOU HAVE 40 MINUTES TO PREPARE.

A WELCOME PARTY?

BUT THIS IS SOMETHING WE DO EVERY YEAR.

OKU

A RACE!?

IT'S THE ANNUAL FRESHMEN WELCOME RACE.

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HERE YOU GO.

HUH?

HUH ...?

A HELMET?

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RIDE.16 FORTY MINUTES TO THE RACE.

FOR THE ANNUAL FRESHMEN WELCOME RACE.

YOU HAVE FORTY MINUTES TO PREPARE,

RIGHT, ONODA?!

LOOK, THIS GUY'S A COMPLETE BEGINNER!

YOU MEAN, RIGHT NOW?!

PLEASE WAIT...!

I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE SO SUDDEN...

WHAT? NOW!?

WHY WOULD YOU... OH!

SEE! HE'S OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS!

I SEE! SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!

A WELCOME RACE... SO,

EH? WHAT IS IT?

UM...

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'LL HELP DEEPEN YOUR BONDS.

SINCE ...

SO WE CAN HAVE FUN CYCLING TOGETHER, RIGHT?!

IT'S A CASUAL RACE TO ESTABLISH THE BONDS BETWEEN US FRESHMEN.

PAST KAZAKAMI TUNNEL,

THE ROUTE LEADS OUT OF THE CITY, AND OVER MOUNT MINEGAYAMA.

AND ROUND THE KAMEISHI DAM, WHICH MAKES IT A ...

60KM ...!?

6...

60KM COURSE.

WHAT!? A MOUNTAIN!?

LOOK, HE'S TOTALLY OUT OF IT! HE'S IN SHOCK!

O, ONODA! WHAT ABOUT ONODA!?

I'M AN EXPERIENCED CYCLIST, AND THAT COURSE SCARES ME! IT'S DEFINITELY TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

THIS IS ...

AND 60KM... THAT'S AN HOUR BY CAR!

IT'S TOO MUCH...

MOUNT MINEGAYAMA IS KNOWN FOR BEING DIFFICULT TERRAIN!

THIS TIME,

I'M KIND OF EXCITED NOW!

EVEN THOUGH I WAS SURPRISED ABOUT THE RACE,

I WONDER WHY,

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FORTY MINUTES TO THE RACE

I CAN RIDE WITH IMAIZUMI-KUN AND NARUKO-KUN!

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I NEED TO FETCH MY COLNAGO-CHAN FROM THE PARKING LOT!

MY COLNAGO-CHAN!!

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FIRST, WE NEED TO GET CHANGED, THEN, UH...

WE NEED TO HURRY UP! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

TREK

UM,

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE FORCING IT.

YES!!

AH,

TREK

ONODA...

ARE YOU OKAY WITH THE RACE?

YOUR

SINCE HIS WEEKLY TRIP TO AKIBA IS 90KM, AFTER ALL...

WELL, HE IS USED TO LONG DISTANCE TRIPS, SO 60KM IS PROBABLY NORMAL TO HIM.

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CLIMB THAT SLOPE TOGETHER WITH YOU.

I WANTED TO...

I SAW IMAIZUMI-KUN AT PRACTICE...

UM, YESTER-DAY,

I'M GLAD THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO!

SO, UM, TODAY,

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN,

BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND. I FEEL THE SAME BEFORE A RACE, TOO.

HEH, SO HE'S GLAD ABOUT IT?

UOOOH!!

EVERYONE GETS A LITTLE EXCITED...

THE WEATHER'S GREAT, AND I HAD A GOOD LUNCH!

...I'M THE CAPTAIN.

WONDERFUL! THIS IS GREAT, PREZ!

AND,

HEH! I'VE JOINED ON THE PERFECT DAY!

A SUDDEN RACE! I'M BURNING WITH EXCITEMENT!!

I GET TO RACE AGAINST THE COOL GUY I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT!

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OF COURSE,

.....

ME TOO...

SENPAI! I'M GOING TO BORROW A ROLLER TO WARM UP!

SAME GOES FOR YOU.

DON'T IMITATE ME!

ONLY IF YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH MY SPEED!

YOU SURE YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME...?

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SHIMANO

COME ON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO KEEP UP WITH MY SPEED!

IT'S JUST A WARM-UP!

YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH.

YOUR PACE IS FALLING.

DON'T GET ALL HEATED UP.

HEY, KINJOU!

HEY.

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOME INTERESTING MEMBERS.

YEAH.

THEY'RE REALLY MOTIVATED, AREN'T THEY?

YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT FRESHMEN RACE AGAIN?

RIGHT BACK AT YOU!

NONSENSE. I'VE DEFINITELY TRAINED MORE THAN YOU.

YOU'RE SWEATING A LOT! AREN'T YOU AT YOUR LIMIT?

CAN YOU STOP TALKING?

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT WE'LL MAKE IT.

CHIBA'S PRETTY COMPETITIVE WHEN IT COMES TO SOCCER.

HOW ABOUT THE SOCCER CLUB?

YOUR HAIR IS WEIRD. CUT IT.

ONLY IF YOU SHAVE THAT FRINGE OF YOURS!

WHAT!?

THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE INTER-HIGHS?

WE'VE GOT A TALENTED FIRST-YEAR.

WITH THIS RACE,

I'LL CHOOSE-

I HAVEN'T TOLD THEM YET, BUT,

SAME.

SHOKO

TWO REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE INTER-HIGH.

THIS YEAR,

WE'VE GOT A GOOD CHANCE,

IF THEY ARE ABLE TO HELP AS DOMESTIQUES,

TO BE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS...!

CAN I BORROW ONE OF THOSE BICYCLE ROLLERS...?

LIM, SENPAI ...

BUT,

WHEN FACTORS OF UNKNOWN VALUE ARE ADDED TO THE MIX, THE UNEXPECTED MAY HAPPEN.

...YEAH.

SOMETIMES, THE RESULTS OF RACES ARE PREDICTABLE.

BACK DOWN ALREADY.

BRING IT ON!

NO, YOU!

YOU SAY CHOOSE, BUT ISN'T IT PRETTY MUCH DECIDED?

IT'S THE REDHEAD AND THE TALL ONE OVER THERE, RIGHT?

AN INTERESTING ONE JOINED TODAY.

IF YOUR FORM IS OFF, YOU'RE GOING TO FALL.

IT FEELS LIKE RIDING OVER A SHEET OF ICE, SO IT'S HARD TO MAINTAIN BALANCE.

BUT IT'S CONSIDERABLY DIFFICULT FOR BEGINNERS.

IMAIZUMI AND NARUKO MAY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE DOING IT EFFORT-LESSLY,

LOOK AT KAWADA AND SAKURAI.

IT'S DANGEROUS!

AH, I DON'T THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET ON WITH AN UTILITY BICYCLE...

BUT THIS IS THE ONLY BICYCLE I HAVE...

SAKURAI WAS A REGULAR ON THE BASEBALL TEAM.

KAWADA USED TO BE IN THE BEST 8 IN THE REGION AS A TENNIS PLAYER.

THEY'RE BOTH PHYSICALLY APT,

BUT EVEN AFTER THREE WEEKS OF PRACTICE,

THOSE BANDAGES ON THEIR ELBOWS AND KNEES ARE FROM FALLS DURING PRACTICE.

THEY CAN'T HANDLE THE TRIPLE-CYLINDER ROLLERS YET.

THE BACK TYRE IS LOCKED TO THE STABILIZED TRAINING ROLLERS FOR SAFETY

AH, THAT MEANS I'LL BE FINE.

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I'M...

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

USED TO FALLING OVER WHEN RIDING BICYCLES.

THE CHALLENGE MAKES THINGS EXCITING, TOO!

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HUH?

NO, WAIT, IT'S DANGEROUS!

THERE'S SO MUCH TO KNOW ABOUT BICYCLES,

EVERYTHING IS NEW TO ME!

THAT WAS FROM THE LYRICS OF THE LOVE☆HIME ENDING SONG!

THOUGH THE 'BICYCLES' PART WAS MY IMPROVISATION!

HAHAHA!

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WHOA! HE DID IT ON HIS FIRST TRY!?

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AS I THOUGHT, HE'S AN INTERESTING ONE!

HMM...

HE'S GOT GOOD BALANCE.

IT'S STRANGE PEDALLING WITHOUT MOVING FORWARD!

OOPS!

AND HE'S LAUGHING!?

WAIT, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE REALLY DIFFICULT!

BUT IS HE GOING TO TAKE PART IN THE RACE ON THAT UTILITY BICYCLE?

...NO WAY.

HE'S GOING TO BE RIDING A ROAD RACER.

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YOU WERE RESTING TOO. I SAW YOU.

IT'S CALLED AN INTERVAL!

HEH HEH HEH! WHAT'S WRONG? TIRED ALREADY?

I HAD A FRIEND FROM A BICYCLE SHOP PREPARE AN OLD KUROMORI FOR HIM.

*A ROAD RACER WITH A STEEL FRAME

KANZAKI CYCLE SHOP

IT'LL PROBABLY GET HERE BEFORE THE RACE STARTS.

ONODA-KUN...!!

THERE'S A TRAFFIC JAM...!

WHY, WHY NOW?

OF ALL TIMES...

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触れたいと思います！
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